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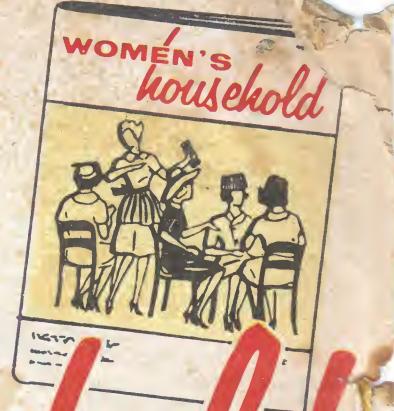
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Style Setter in Muted Gold

(Shown in Color on Front Cover)

Directions for this attractive full length knit coat are given for small size (10-12) with changes for medium (14-16) and large (18-20) sizes in parentheses. You will need 35 (38½, 42) ounces Coats & Clark's "Red Heart" Knitting Worsted, 4 ply, in desired color. Use one pair each standard knitting needles numbers 8 and 10½ or size needed to work to gauge. You will need 4 large buttons (about 1¾ inches in diameter) and 2½ yards of lining material.

Abbreviations:

k (knit)	dec (decrease)
p (purl)	inc (increase)
st (stitch)	tog (together)

Gauge: With number 8 needles—
9 sts equal 2 inches
7 rows equal 1 inch
With number 10½ needles
for facing—4 sts equal 1
inch

Blocking Measurements: Body bust size 30-32 (34-36, 38-40).

Actual Knitting Measurements: Bust, buttoned 37 (41, 45) inches; width across back at underarm 18 (20, 22) inches; width across each front at underarm, including border 11 (12, 13) inches; width across back above armhole shaping 15 (16, 17) inches; width across lower edge of back 21 (24, 26) inches; width across lower edge of each front 12¾ (14½, 16) inches; length from shoulder to lower edge 38 (39½, 41) inches; length of side seam or desired length 30 (31, 32) inches; length of sleeve seam 15½ (16, 16½) inches; width across sleeve at upper arm 14 (15, 16) inches.

Back: Starting at lower edge with number 8 needles, cast on 95 (107, 119) sts.



Row 1 (Right Side): P 2 (1, 0), k 7, * p 7, k 7, repeat from * across, ending with p 2 (1, 0).

Row 2: K 2 (1, 0), p 7, * k 7, p 7, repeat from * across, ending with k 2 (1, 0).

Row 3: Repeat row 1.

Row 4: P each st.

Row 5: K each st.

Row 6: P each st.

Row 7: K 2 (1, 0), p 7, * k 7, p 7, repeat from * across, ending with k 2 (1, 0).

Row 8: P 2 (1, 0), k 7, * p 7, k 7, repeat from * across, ending with p 2 (1, 0).

Row 9: K 2 (1, 0), p 7, * k 7, p 7, repeat from * across, ending with

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k 2 (1, 0).

Row 10: P each st.

Row 11: K each st.

Row 12: P each st.

Repeat rows 1 through 12 for pattern. Work in pattern until total length is 14 inches, ending with a wrong-side row.

NOTE: If a shorter or longer length (than given measurements to underarm) is desired, adjustment should be made now, before starting decreases.

Being careful to keep continuity of pattern, dec 1 st at both ends of next row and every 14th (12th, 10th) row thereafter (mark decs for easy counting) 7 (8, 10) times in all. Work even over 81 (91, 99) sts until total length is 28 (29, 30) inches. Two inches are allowed for stretching.

Armhole Shaping: Continuing in pattern, bind off 4 (5, 6) sts at beginning of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at both ends of every other row 3 (4, 5) times. Work even over remaining 67 (73, 77) sts until length from first row of armhole shaping is 8 (8½, 9) inches, ending with a wrong-side row.

Shoulder Shaping: Working in pattern, bind off 7 (8, 8) sts at beginning of next 4 rows, then 8 (8, 9) sts at beginning of following 2 rows. Bind off remaining 23 (25, 27) sts.

Left Front: Starting at lower edge with number 8 needles, cast on 58 (67, 73) sts.

Row 1 (Right Side): P 2 (1, 0), * k 7, p 7, repeat from * 2 (2, 3) times, k 1 (11, 4), for front border sts k 2, p 9, k 2.

Row 2: K 13 for front border, p 1 (11, 4), * k 7, p 7, repeat from * across to within last 2 (1, 0) sts, k

2 (1, 0).

Row 3: Repeat row 1.

Row 4: K 2, p 9, k 2, p to end of row.

Row 5: K each st.

Row 6: K 2, p 9, k 2, p to end of row.

Row 7: K 2 (1, 0), * p 7, k 7, repeat from * 2 (2, 3) times, p 0 (7, 0), k 1 (4, 4), for front border k 2, p 9, k 2.

Row 8: K 13, p 1 (4, 4), k 0 (7, 0), * p 7, k 7, repeat from * across to within last 2 (1, 0) sts, p 2 (1, 0).

Row 9: K 2 (1, 0), * p 7, k 7, repeat from * 2 (2, 3) times, p 0 (7, 0), k 1 (4, 4), for front border k 2, p 9, k 2.

Rows 10, 11, 12: Repeat rows 4, 5 and 6.

Repeat last 12 rows for left front pattern. Work in pattern until total length is same as back to first dec row, ending at side edge. Continuing to work across the 13 sts of border as before and keeping continuity of pattern over other sts, dec 1 st at side edge on next row and every 14th (12th, 10th) row thereafter 7 (8, 10) times in all. Work even over 51 (59, 63) sts until total length is same as back to underarm, ending at side edge.

Armhole Shaping: Continuing in pattern, bind off 4 (5, 6) sts at beginning of next row. At same edge dec 1 st every other row 3 (4, 5) times. Work even over 44 (50, 52) sts until length from first row of armhole shaping is 6 (6½, 7) inches, ending at front edge.

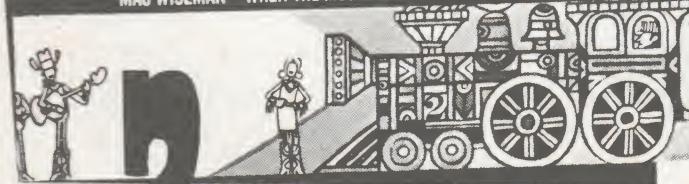
Neck Shaping: Keeping continuity of pattern, bind off 15 (16, 17) sts at beginning of next row. At same edge dec 1 st on every row 7 (10, 10) times. Work even over remaining 22 (24, 25) sts until length of armhole is same as back, ending at arm-

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hole edge.

Shoulder Shaping—Row 1: Bind off 7 (8, 8) sts, complete row.

Row 2: Work in pattern.

Rows 3, 4: Repeat rows 1 and 2. From same edge bind off remaining 8 (8, 9) sts.

With pins mark position of 4 buttons evenly spaced along center of front border, having first pin $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches below neck edge and last pin about 10 inches above lower edge.

To Make Buttonhole: Starting at front edge work in pattern over first 3 sts, bind off next 7 sts, complete row. On next row cast on 7 sts to replace the bound-off sts.

Right Front: Starting at lower edge with number 8 needles, cast on 58 (67, 73) sts.

Row 1 (Right Side): K 2, p 9, k 2 for front border, k 1 (11, 4), * p 7, k 7, repeat from * 2 (2, 3) times, p 2 (1, 0).

Row 2: K 2 (1, 0), * p 7, k 7, repeat from * 2 (2, 3) times, p 1 (11, 4), k 13 for front border.

Row 3: Repeat row 1.

Row 4: P to within last 13 sts, k 2, p 9, k 2.

Row 5: K each st.

Row 6: P to within last 13 sts, k 2, p 9, k 2. Position of front border and pattern has now been established. Making buttonholes to correspond with pins on left front, complete to correspond with left front, reversing shapings.

Sleeves: Starting at lower edge with number 8 needles, cast on 51 (53, 55) sts.

Row 1 (Right Side): P 1 (2, 3), k 7, * p 7, k 7, repeat from * across, ending with p 1 (2, 3).

Row 2: K 1 (2, 3), p 7, * k 7, p 7, repeat from * across, ending with k 1 (2, 3).

Row 3: Repeat row 1.

Row 4: P each st.

Row 5: K each st.

Row 6: P each st.

Row 7: Repeat row 2.

Rows 8, 9: Repeat rows 1 and 2.

Row 10: P each st.

Row 11: K each st.

Row 12: P each st.

Repeat these 12 rows for pattern.

Work in pattern until total length is $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Keeping continuity of pattern, inc 1 st at both ends of next row and every 12th (12th, 10th) row thereafter 6 (7, 8) times in all, working inc sts in pattern. Work even in pattern over 63 (67, 71) sts until total length is $15\frac{1}{2}$ (16, $16\frac{1}{2}$) inches, ending with a wrong-side row.

Top Shaping: Bind off 4 (5, 6) sts at beginning of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at both ends of every other row 18 (19, 20) times. Bind off 2 sts at beginning of next 4 (4, 6) rows. Bind off remaining sts.

Collar: Starting at outer edge, cast on 95 sts for all sizes.

K 3 (5, 5) rows for border.

Row 1: K 2 for side border, k 7, * p 7, k 7, repeat from * across to within last 2 sts, k 2 for side border.

Row 2: K 2, p 7, * k 7, p 7, repeat from * across, ending with k 2.

Row 3: Repeat row 1.

Row 4: K 2, p to last 2 sts, k 2.

Row 5: K each st.

Row 6: Repeat row 4.

Row 7: Repeat row 2.

Rows 8, 9: Repeat rows 1 and 2.

Row 10: K 2, p to last 2 sts, k 2.

Row 11: K each st.

Row 12: K 2, p to last 2 sts, k 2.

Rows 13 through 24: Repeat last 12 rows.

Row 25: K 2 for border, k 3, k 2 tog, k 2, * p 7, k 3, k 2 tog, k 2, repeat from * across to last 2 sts,

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k 2 for border—88 sts.

Row 26: K 2, p 6, * k 7, p 6, repeat from * across, ending with k 2.

Row 27: K 2 for border, k 6, * p 3, p 2 tog, p 2, k 6, repeat from * across to last 2 sts, k 2—82 sts.

Rows 28, 29, 30: Repeat rows 4, 5 and 4.

Row 31: K 2, p 6, * k 2, k 2 tog, k 2, p 6, repeat from * across, ending with k 2—76 sts.

For Small Size Only—Row 32: K 2, k 2, k 2 tog, k 2, * p 5, k 2, k 2 tog, k 2, repeat from * across to last 2 sts, k 2—69 sts. Bind off.

For Medium and Large Sizes Only—Row 32: K 2, k 6, * p 5, k 6, repeat from * across to last 2 sts, k 2.

Row 33: K 2, p 6, * k 5, p 6, repeat from * across, ending with k 2. Bind off.

Collar Facing: Starting at outer edge with number 10½ needles, cast on 84 sts. Work in stockinette st (k 1 row, p 1 row) for 3 inches.

Continuing in stockinette st, dec 4 sts evenly spaced across next row and every other row thereafter 5 (4, 4) times in all—64 (68, 68) sts. If necessary, work even until piece is slightly shorter than collar. Bind off.

Left Front Facing: With number

10½ needles, cast on 10 sts. Work in stockinette st until strip fits along front border. Bind off.

Right Front Facing: Making buttonholes to correspond with buttonholes on right front, work as for left front facing.

To make buttonhole on facing: Work 2 sts, bind off next 6 sts, complete row. On next row cast on 6 sts to replace the bound-off sts.

Sleeve Facing (Make 2): With number 10½ needles, cast on 7 sts. Work in stockinette st until strip fits across lower edge of sleeve. Bind off.

Lower Facing: Work as for left front facing until strip measures 40½ (47, 52) inches. Bind off. This strip will be placed inside facings of front borders.

Block to measurements. Block each facing slightly shorter than corresponding edge on coat. Sew side, shoulder and sleeve seams. Sew in sleeves. Sew all facings in place, having facing for lower edge between facings of front borders. Sew collar in place from center of left front border to center of right front border, adjusting to fit. Work buttonhole stitch around buttonholes through double thickness. Sew on buttons. For better fit, coat should be lined.

Evening Shell

(Shown in Color on Third Cover)

crochet hook number E.

Abbreviations:

k (knit)	O (yarn over)
p (purl)	st (stitch)
tog (together)	sk (skip)
sc (single crochet)	ch (chain)

Gauge: 5 sts equal 1 inch

Pattern Stitch—Row 1: K each st.

Row 2: P each st.

Row 3: * (K 2 tog, O) 3 times,

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k 6, (k 2 tog, O) 3 times, * k 7 (9, 12, 14), repeat from * to * twice, k 7 (9, 12, 14), repeat from * to * once.

Row 4: K 18, p 7 (9, 12, 14), k 36, p 7 (9, 12, 14), k 18.

Repeat these 4 rows for pattern st.

Back: Cast on 86 (90, 96, 100) sts. Work even in pattern st until piece measures $13\frac{1}{2}$ ($13\frac{1}{2}$, 14, 14) inches in all, ending with a wrong side row. Place a marker at each end of needle to denote start of armholes, then continue to work even on 86 (90, 96, 100) sts until piece measures approximately $4\frac{1}{4}$ ($4\frac{1}{2}$, $4\frac{3}{4}$, 5) inches above armhole marker, ending with

row 4 of pattern.

Next Row — Shape Neck: Work across 25 (27, 30, 32) sts, join another ball of yarn, bind off center 36 sts, work to end of row. Dec 1 st at each neck edge every other row 3 (3, 4, 5) times. Work even on 22 (24, 26, 27) sts of each side until piece measures approximately $7\frac{1}{4}$ ($7\frac{1}{2}$, $7\frac{3}{4}$, 8) inches above armhole markers. Bind off.

Front: Work in same manner as for back.

Finishing: Sew side and shoulder seams. Work 2 rows sc around bottom, neck and armhole edge, then work a third row around these edges as follows: * Ch 3, sk 1 sc, sc in next sc, repeat from * across. Block.

Flower Prints

Lillian Mills Littley

Last winter I made beautiful prints out of dried flowers obtained here in Arkansas. The Ozarks produce many beautiful specimens and I gathered them with their foliage and ferns and pressed carefully between newspaper, changing papers every eight hours three times, laying a heavy weight on top. They are then laid away in a warm place until completely dry, taken from the papers and stored on sheets of waxed paper in boxes together with moth balls.

Flowers are laid in design desired on a suitable backing for picture. Any material can be used, but a good backing is thin yarn wound smoothly around a cardboard cut to fit picture, taping beginning and end in back. The rougher the background the better flowers stay, as no glue is used.

When design is finished, place glass from picture carefully and squarely on top and then place frame over this. Slip a spatula under back to lift and then turn picture over, holding everything together securely so flowers will not shift. Finish back by gluing on a heavy piece of paper that has been cut to fit almost to edges of frame. Place two small screw eyes on each side a third of the way down from top in back and adjust picture wire to these screws. I had no trouble selling all I had time to make in a local hobby shop.



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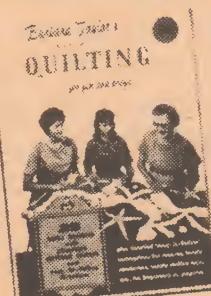
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Man's Sweater

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Gauge: 7½ sts equal 1 inch
9½ rows equal 1 inch

Back: Using number 2 needles, cast on 150 (158, 166, 174) sts and work 3 inches in k 1, p 1 ribbing. Change to number 3 needles and stockinette st and continue until work measures 15 inches or desired length from beginning to underarm, finishing after a p row.

To shape raglan armholes, bind off 7 (7, 8, 8) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

** Next Row: K 2 tog, k to last 2 sts, sl 1, k 1, pssو.

Next Row: P each st. **

Repeat these 2 rows until 46 (48, 50, 50) sts remain, finishing after a p row. Place remaining sts on stitch holder for neckband.

Front: Using number 2 needles, cast on 150 (158, 166, 174) sts and work 3 inches in k 1, p 1 ribbing, inc one st on last rib row, 151 (159, 167, 175) sts on needle. Change to number 3 needles and stockinette st and work as given for back until there are 133 (141, 147, 155) sts on needle, finishing after a k row. Divide sts for neck opening.

Next Row: P 66 (70, 73, 77), sl next st onto st holder for neckband, p to end. Working both sides at once, continue raglan shapings as before, at the same time, dec one st at neck edge on next row and every 4th row following 21 (22, 23, 23) times in all. Then continue raglan shapings only until 2 sts remain, finishing after a p row. K 2 tog, fasten off.

Sleeves: Using number 2 needles, cast on 66 (70, 72, 76) sts and work 3 inches in k 1, p 1 ribbing. Change

to number 3 needles and stockinette st and continue until work measures 15 (16, 19, 19) inches or desired length from beginning to underarm, finishing after a p row.

To shape raglan top, bind off 7 (7, 8, 8) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Next Row: K each st.

Next Row: P each st.

Next Row: K 2 tog, k to last 2 sts, sl 1, k 1, pssو.

Next Row: P each st.

Repeat these 4 rows until 90 (96, 100, 104) sts remain, finishing after a p row, then work as given for back from ** to ** until 16 sts remain, finishing after a p row. Place remaining sts on st holder for neckband.

To Complete: Press lightly under warm iron and damp cloth. Join raglan seams, sew side and sleeve seams.

Neckband: Using set of number 2 needles, with right side of work facing you, replace back and left sleeve sts from st holders, pick up and k 76 sts along left neck edge, place a marker on needle, replace center front st, place a marker on needle, pick up and k 75 sts along right front edge, replace sts from right sleeve st holder. Arrange these 230 (232, 234, 234) sts on 3 needles and with 4th needle work in rnds of k 1, p 1 ribbing for one inch, always k and center st and dec one st before first marker and after second marker every alternate rnd. Bind off loosely ribwise.

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Abbreviations:

k (knit)	inc (increase)
p (purl)	st (stitch)
psso (pass slipped stitch over)	tog (together)
	dec (decrease)

Measurements: Length from back of neck 25 (25½, 26, 26½) inches.

To fit chest measurement of 38 (40, 42, 44) inches.

Sleeve Seam: 18 (18, 19, 19) inches.

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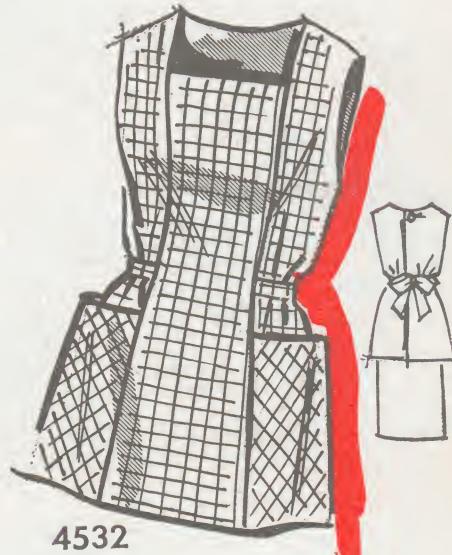
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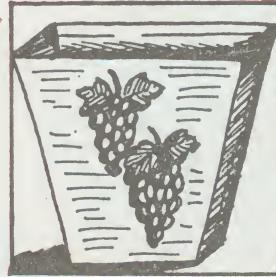
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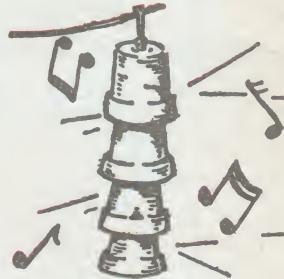
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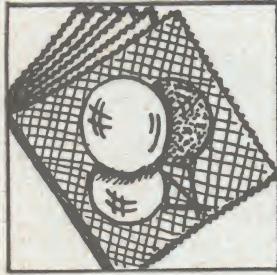
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Wind Chimes

Make wind chimes from clay flower pots of graduated sizes hung inside each other. Run rope through hole of smallest pot and tie a knot inside pot. Tie another knot above smallest pot and string slightly larger pot onto rope. Continue until four pots are on rope, each in position to strike when rope is moved by wind. Pots can be painted a variety of colors. They sell for \$1.00 to \$1.50, depending on size containers used.

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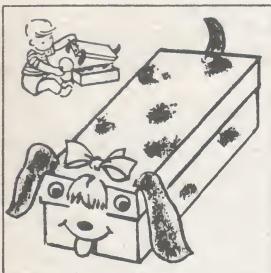
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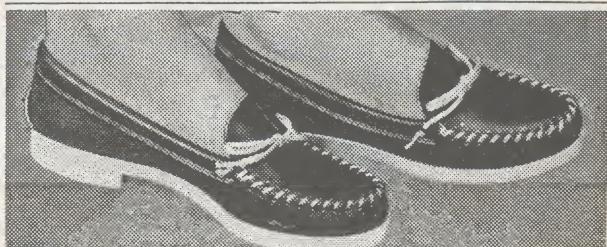
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Decorating The Party Cake

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A most important first step is frosting the cake itself. This will be foundation for the decorating to come. Be sure cake is completely cool before beginning. Brush loose crumbs from sides of cake layers. If these are not removed they will stick in frosting and keep cake from looking its elegant best.

Place first layer of cake top side down on a plate. Heap frosting in center of layer and spread evenly to

edge with metal spatula.

Next, place top layer bottom side down, on bottom layer. Cover sides with a "first" coat. This will seal in any remaining crumbs and prevent their poking through after decorating is completed. Now, apply more frosting with free, easy strokes. Use upward strokes so that a ridge of frosting is left around top of cake.

Finally, spread frosting onto top of cake, making swirls with spatula or spoon. Avoid "flat" sides and top. Frosting should give cake height and help make it as attractive to look at as it will be good to eat.

Note: When working on an angel food cake, place cake top side down on cake plate. If icing is a thin glaze, spread on cake top and let it drip down sides. If fluffy, spread sides first, then top with even, light strokes. A quick way to frost cupcakes: Dip top of each in frosting, turn slightly and remove.

The actual decorating may be as simple or as intricate as desired. Either way, some basic decorating tools are needed. There are several types of pastry kits and bags available. These are plastic, canvas or metal. Bags are easy to make, however, from heavy bond, bakery paper or waxed paper.

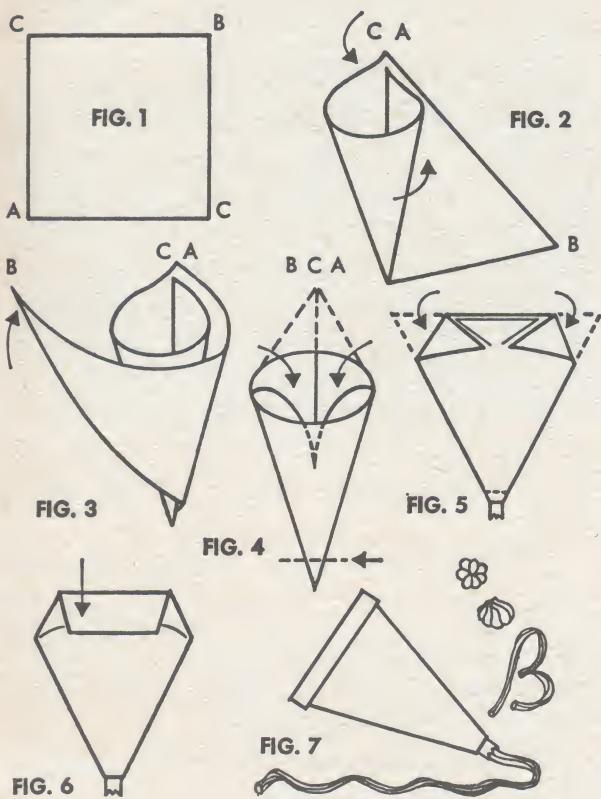
Cut a paper square (no smaller than 8 inches) in half diagonally to form two triangles (lettered like figure 1). One triangle is needed for each color of frosting to be used. Fold corner A of triangle in to meet corner C (figure 2). Bring corner B around tube so A and B are both meeting at corner C (figure 3). Next, fold point BCA into tube and cut off $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ inch of tip of tube (figure 4). Place desired tip in tube

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and fill with decorating frosting. Fold in corners of tube (figure 5), then fold top down (figure 6). Hold bag at top with right hand, pressing out frosting from completed bag (figure 7).



To make decorating frosting cream $\frac{1}{4}$ cup shortening, add $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sifted confectioners' sugar gradually, beating after each addition. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla and a dash of salt. Add $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups confectioners' sugar to shortening mixture alternately with 3 tablespoons milk. Beat until smooth after each addition. Continue beating until creamy.

Decorative glaze is another possibility. This icing tends to become very hard and develops a grayish tone while it is being prepared. Add to those portions to be kept white a bit of blue vegetable coloring. Do not add blue to portions that will be tinted yellow, orange or other pale, warm shades. Beat 2 egg whites stiff but not dry. Add

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Cake Decorating

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3½ cups sifted confectioners' sugar and juice of a lemon plus 1-2 drops glycerin to icing until it is of spreadable consistency. Cover with damp cloth until ready to use. More sugar will make icing stiffer—lemon juice or egg white will thin it.

Be sure opening of tube is large enough for pastry tips to fit. One of the most versatile decorating tips is the star tip. It makes rosettes, letters and borders. The writing tip makes stems, lilies, forget-me-nots as well as script and lettering. The leaf tip makes leaves and borders. When using this tip apply a steady pressure for plain borders and use an overlapping motion for frilly ones.

First efforts with pastry tube are not designs of beauty, so practice on a flat pan or inverted pie plate. Making "doodles" with icing helps bring a feeling of ease.

When ready to start work on cake, apply a smooth base coat of decoration icing, using a spatula, dipped in tepid water. Allow base coat to dry.

If several colors are to be used, divide icing into individual bowls. Tint with vegetable paste or liquid food coloring. Add coloring gradually—a drop at a time. Amount of color is easily controlled if poured from a spoon. Blend color thoroughly, scraping bowl sides and bottom so that tone will be even. Keep bowls covered with damp cloths. Fill bag ½ to ⅔ full. Use half size bags for those colors needed only in small amounts. Push frosting down into point of bag with a small spatula. Holding bag toward you, start to close bag by pressing top edges together and rolling them inward, until seam is locked tightly by roll. Before beginning, press bag to force

air bubbles to tip. If this is not done, bubbles will ruin even look of decorations.

Have a sketch of what you plan or have the design firmly in mind. If possible, place cake on a turn-table, keeping it just above elbow level when working on sides. Grasp bag firmly in right palm, with thumb resting on top. Fingers are left free to press bag as wrist and hand turn to form designs.

Try simple designs in the beginning for practice. Do not over-decorate cake. Leave plenty of space to set off designs. It is a good idea to make more complicated designs on waxed paper and let dry before applying to cake. Decorative glaze will act as a glue. If a pastry tube gets soft or starts to come apart in middle of a job, cut off point and squeeze icing directly into a new bag.

Don't become discouraged if the first decorated cake is less spectacular than you'd hoped. There are special helps for novice cake decorators. There are schools that sell correspondence courses in cake decorating. These are very good and offer many valuable tricks of the cake decorating trade at small cost. Helpful books can be found at the library.

Local YWCA's often conduct cake decorating classes as a part of their craft and self-development programs.

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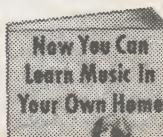
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- 1 teaspoon orange rind
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Grease a tube pan; coat bottom and sides with fine bread or cooky crumbs. Cream butter until light; add sugar and beat until very light and fluffy. Then beat in eggs, one at a time, until very creamy. At low speed or stirring, add flour and salt; blend in undiluted orange concentrate and orange rind. Turn into tube pan. Bake in 350° F. (moderate) oven about 1 hour or until cake tester inserted comes out clean. Let cake cool slightly before removing from pan. Fill middle with whipped cream and decorate sides of cake with candy orange slices, if desired. Makes ½ pound cake.



The younger children are sure to be pleased with this "Big Top" cake.

"Big Top" Cake

- 1 package lemon flake cake mix
- ⅔ cup packaged grated coconut
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 4 teaspoons granulated or confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ⅓ cup packaged grated coconut
- ½ cup currant jelly

Prepare cake mix batter as directed on package; fold in ⅔ cup coconut. Pour into three 8-inch layer pans, which have been

greased and floured on bottom and sides. Bake at 350° F. about 25 minutes, or until top springs back when pressed gently with finger. Cool cakes in pans 10 minutes; then remove and cool on cake racks.

Meanwhile, combine cream, sugar, vanilla and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup coconut in a chilled bowl. Beat just until soft peaks form. (Do not overbeat). Spread about 1 cup filling between each layer; then spread remainder on sides of cake. Spread jelly over top of cake.

If desired, decorate top edge of cake with animal crackers. Place a soda straw in center of cake, to which is secured a bow with ribbon streamers. Bring streamers to edge of cake and press into frosting.



Cherry Valentine Cake with a cherry-coconut filling is suitable for Valentine's Day or Washington's birthday celebrations.

Cherry Valentine Cake

2 cups sifted enriched flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon almond extract
2 eggs
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk

Cherry Filling

Fluffy White Frosting

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Cream shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Blend in almond extract. Beat in eggs one at a time. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture alternately with milk. Beat well after each addition. Pour into two greased, waxed paper lined, 8-inch heart-shaped pans. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 to 35 minutes, or until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Eight inch round pans many also be used. When cool, slice layers in half. Spread cherry filling between layers, re-

serving about $\frac{1}{4}$ of filling to decorate top of cake. Frost top and sides of cake with fluffy white frosting. Use reserved cherry filling to edge cake in a heart design. Makes one 4-layer heart-shaped cake.

Cherry Filling

$\frac{1}{3}$ cup sugar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cornstarch
 $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon salt
2 cups sour red cherries
(1 pound can)
red food coloring
 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup flaked coconut

Mix sugar, cornstarch and salt. Drain cherries and mash slightly. Measure syrup and add enough water to make $1\frac{1}{3}$ cups liquid. Blend liquid into sugar mixture. Cook until thick and smooth, stirring constantly. Add food coloring to give desired color. Stir in cherries and coconut. Cool.

Fluffy White Frosting

$\frac{1}{3}$ cup hot water
1 cup sugar
2 egg whites
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon cream of tartar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla extract

Combine hot water and sugar in saucepan. Bring to boil. Cook rapidly to soft ball stage (238° F.). Combine egg whites and cream of tartar. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Pour syrup slowly into egg whites, beating at high speed. Add vanilla extract. Continue beating until frosting reaches spreading consistency.

Chocolate Macaroon Ribbon Cake

2 tablespoons butter
1 cup chopped, blanched almonds
2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cocoa
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup (1 stick) butter, softened
1 egg
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon almond extract, optional
12-14 coconut macaroons

In skillet or saucepan melt 2 tablespoons butter; brown almonds. Set mixture aside to cool. Stir together confectioners' sugar and cocoa. In a mixing bowl cream $\frac{1}{2}$ -cup butter, add cocoa mixture gradually to creamed butter. Add egg and almond extract, beating until smooth and creamy. Add cooled almonds to cocoa mixture. Line loaf pan $7\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{3}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ inches with waxed paper. Split coconut macaroons and place a layer of them in bottom of pan. Spread with $\frac{1}{4}$ of cocoa mixture. Repeat this process making four layers each of chocolate and macaroons, ending with a layer of chocolate. Chill for several hours in refrigerator. To serve remove from pan and cut in small slices for this is a rich dessert. Makes 8-10 servings.

Dad's Day Cake

- 1 package chocolate or yellow cake mix
- 1 6-ounce package (1 cup) butterscotch morsels
- 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar, divided
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons milk
- ½ 6-ounce package (½ cup) semi-sweet chocolate morsels

Prepare cake mix and bake in 9 x 13 x 2-inch pan according to package directions. Melt butterscotch morsels over hot (not boiling) water. Remove from water. Blend in ½ cup of the confectioners' sugar. Beat in butter and milk. Gradually add remaining sugar, beating until of spreading consistency. Frost cooled cake. Reserve a few of the semi-sweet chocolate morsels; melt remaining morsels over hot (not boiling) water. Force melted chocolate through cake decorator or paper cone to outline shirt collar, pocket and tie on top of cake. Place reserved morsels, point sides down, to make polka dots on tie. Makes 9 x 13-inch cake.

White Fruitcake

- ¾ cup milk
- ¾ cup warm water (105°-115° F.)
- 3 packages or cakes yeast, active dry or compressed
- 3⅔ cups unsifted flour
- ¾ cup (1½ sticks) margarine
- 1½ cups sugar
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- 4 eggs
- 1½ cups chopped citron
- 1½ cups raisins
- 1½ cups chopped candied orange peel
- ¾ cup chopped candied cherries
- 1½ cups chopped walnuts
- ¾ teaspoon lemon extract

Scald milk; cool to lukewarm. Measure warm water into large warm bowl. Sprinkle or crumble in yeast; stir until dissolved. Stir in lukewarm milk and 1½ cups flour; beat until smooth. Cover; let rise in warm place free from draft, until doubled in bulk, about 30 minutes.

Cream margarine. Add sugar and salt gradually, mixing well after each addition. Combine yeast mixture, margarine mixture, eggs, fruits, nuts, lemon extract and remaining flour; beat 5 minutes.

Turn into two well-greased 9 x 5 x 3-inch loaf pans. Cover; let rise in warm place free from draft, 1 hour. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) about 1 hour, or until done. Makes 2 cakes.

Mocha Angel Cake

- 1 package angel food cake mix
- 24 marshmallows
- 2½ tablespoons chocolate syrup
- ½ cup strong, hot coffee
- 1 cup heavy cream
- shaved unsweetened chocolate

Prepare angel food mix as directed on package. Lightly grease four 9-inch layer cake pans. Line bottoms of pans with waxed paper. Spread batter evenly in pans. Bake in moderate oven, 325° F., 25 to 30 minutes, or until top springs back when lightly touched with fingertip. Invert pans on cake racks to cool. When thoroughly cool, remove from pans. Meanwhile melt marshmallows in coffee over low heat, stirring often. Chill until partially set. Whip ½ cup cream and fold in. Spread mixture between cake layers. Chill until set. Whip remaining cream and fold in chocolate syrup. Spread on top of cake. Garnish with shaved chocolate if desired.



Mincemeat Cake Roll, quickly and easily made, is ideal for parties.

Mincemeat Cake Roll

Prepare ½ package prepared yellow cake mix according to package directions. Bake in 15½ x 10½ x 1-inch greased pan*.

Filling

- 1 9-ounce package condensed mincemeat
- ¾ cup water
- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese
- ½ cup chopped walnut meats
- confectioners' sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk
- walnuts
- maraschino cherries

While cake is baking, prepare filling. Break mincemeat into small pieces in a saucepan; add water and boil 1 minute. Cool slightly. Cream one-half package (4 ounces) cream cheese. Add walnuts and mincemeat and mix thoroughly. Bake just until cake tests done. Remove from oven.

Loosen cake from sides of pan with spatula. Lightly sprinkle clean towel with confectioners' sugar. Turn cake onto towel. Gently roll towel and cake together lengthwise. Cool about 10 minutes. Gently unroll. Spread cake at once with mincemeat cream cheese filling to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from edges. Roll jelly roll fashion. Cream remaining cheese with milk; spread over cake roll. Garnish with walnuts and cherries. Serve immediately or place in refrigerator until ready to serve. Serves 8 to 10.

* Note: Use only one half package cake mix for this size pan. If desired, prepare batter from entire package and make cupcakes from remaining batter.

Anniversary White Cake

- 1 cup shortening
- 5 cups cake flour, sifted
- 8 teaspoons baking powder, double acting
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 3 cups sugar, fine white
- 2 cups milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 8 egg whites

Place shortening in mixing bowl. Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and sugar into bowl. Add just $1\frac{1}{3}$ cups of milk and vanilla. Beat 2 minutes on medium speed of electric mixer or by hand, using 300 strokes. Throughout mixing time keep batter scraped from sides and bottom of bowl with rubber scraper. Scrape bowl and beaters.

Add unbeaten egg whites and remainder of milk ($\frac{2}{3}$ cup). Beat an additional 2 minutes on medium speed. Scrape bowl and beaters. Pour equal amounts of batter into 2 baking pans $13 \times 9\frac{1}{2} \times 2$ inches (bottoms lined with 2 layers of waxed paper). Spread evenly. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) about 30 minutes.

It is best to make this cake as indicated. When baking these cakes, do not place one pan directly below the other in oven. For 50 servings, the recipe will have to be made 2 times. This recipe will yield about 64 medium-sized cupcakes.

Anniversary Cake Frosting

- 1½ cups shortening
- 2 pounds (6½ cups) sifted powdered sugar
- ¾ cup milk
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 tablespoon vanilla

Combine all ingredients in large bowl. Beat until smooth and creamy. If made with hand beater, beat shortening first, then alternate additions of sugar and milk. Beat in salt and vanilla.

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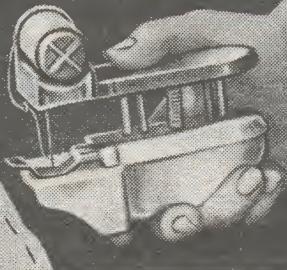


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1 package lemon flake cake mix
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Lemon Confectioners' Glaze
cut-up red and green candied cherries
silver dragées

Prepare cake mix batter as directed on package; fold in nuts. Pour into well-greased and floured $8\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch deep mold with center tube. Mold should be large enough to hold 9 cups of water. Bake at 325° F. for about 1 hour, or until cake springs back when pressed gently with finger. Let cake stand 5 minutes; then loosen around edge and center cone and remove from pan. Cool with rounded side up.

Decorate cake using Lemon Confectioners' Glaze, cut-up cherries, and silver dragées.

Lemon Confectioners' Glaze

1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
4 teaspoons (about) hot milk
1 teaspoon lemon juice

Place sugar in small bowl. Gradually add milk, blending well, until mixture is of spreading consistency. Blend in lemon juice. Makes about $\frac{1}{3}$ cup glaze.



Chocolate Easter Bonnet Cake is an easy Easter dinner dessert.

Semi-Sweet Chocolate Easter Bonnet Cake

1 package white or yellow cake mix
1 6-ounce package (1 cup) semi-sweet chocolate morsels
6 tablespoons sweetened condensed milk
1 tablespoon light corn syrup
1 tablespoon water
 $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla
1/2 recipe for Seven Minute Frosting or
1 package (6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounces) Seven Minute Frosting Mix

Prepare cake mix according to package directions. Grease and flour 7 x 2½-inch layer cake pan and a 9 x 1½-inch cake pan and fill each ¾ full. Bake according to package directions, baking 7-inch layer 5 to 10 minutes longer, or until sides of cake pull away from pan. Cool; remove cake layers from pans. Reserve 1 tablespoon of the semi-sweet chocolate morsels. For filling, melt remaining semi-sweet chocolate morsels over hot (not boiling) water. Remove from heat. Add condensed milk, corn syrup, water, salt and vanilla; beat until smooth. Cool to spreading consistency. Place 9-inch cake layer on stand or serving plate. Spread ¼ of the filling on cake to 1½ inches from edge of cake. Top with second layer. Frost cake with Seven Minute Frosting. Place reserved chocolate morsels on top of cake, point side down, in polka dot fashion. Force remaining chocolate filling through cake decorator to make "hat band and bow."

Red Regal Chocolate Cake

Preheat oven and set at 375° F. Line bottoms of two 9-inch or three 8-inch round layer cake pans with two layers of waxed paper. Have all ingredients at room temperature. Sift flour before measuring.

Group I

½ cup shortening
2¼ cups sifted cake flour
1¾ cups sugar
1½ teaspoons soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup sour milk* or buttermilk

Group II

2 squares melted chocolate
2 eggs
½ cup sour milk* or buttermilk

METHOD: Quick Mix, no creaming method. Place shortening in bowl. Sift together flour, sugar, soda and salt into bowl. Add vanilla and 1 cup sour milk. Beat 2 minutes on medium speed of electric mixer, or by hand using 150 strokes per minute. Throughout mixing time keep batter scraped from sides and bottom of bowl with rubber scraper. Scrape bowl and beaters. Add group II. Beat for 2 additional minutes on medium speed. Scrape bowl and beaters. Pour equal amounts of batter into cake pans. Bake at 375° F. for 30 minutes. Yields two 9-inch layers, three 8-inch layers, or two heart-shaped layers.

*To make 1½ cups sour milk place 1½ tablespoons vinegar in measuring cup and fill to ½ cup mark with sweet milk. Combine with 1 cup of sweet milk.

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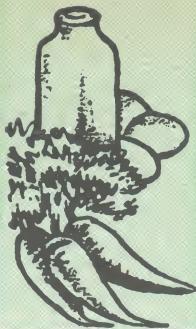


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1 tablespoon unflavored gelatin
2½ cups chocolate milk
½ cup sugar
½ cup chopped pecans
1 8-ounce package cream cheese

Softens gelatin in $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chocolate milk. Combine rest of ingredients. Heat to boiling and add gelatin mixture. Stir until gelatin is dissolved. Chill until slightly thickened and add pecans. Mix well. Serve as topping for cakes or as dip for unfrosted cookies.

Mrs. Margaret Lewis

Strawberry Frosting

½ cup butter
1 box confectioners' sugar
½ box frozen strawberries, thawed
(10 ounces)
½ teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter well, adding sugar alternately with strawberries and syrup. Beat smooth. Add vanilla. If too thick, add a little cream.

Mrs. Wilda Manley

Butter Chip Frosting

In a saucepan mix $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar, pinch of salt, 5 tablespoons evaporated milk, 2 tablespoons margarine. Boil mixture 3 minutes. Set aside. Measure 1½-2 cups confectioners' sugar and add to mixture with 1 teaspoon hot water. Beat until thick spreading consistency.

Chop 1 small Butterfinger candy bar into chips and sprinkle over frosting.

Ruby Larsen

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1½ cups hot water
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2 tablespoons lemon juice
grated rind of ¼ lemon
¼ cup sugar
1½ tablespoons butter or margarine

Combine cornstarch and sugar. Add hot water slowly, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens. Add lemon juice and butter. Serve as pudding, cake or other dessert topping.

Mrs. Carol Angle

Orange Candy Icing

1 cup orange slice candy, chopped fine
1 cup marshmallows
1½ cups sugar
3 teaspoons flour

Combine all ingredients and cook for a few minutes.

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Peanut Butter Marshmallow Sauce

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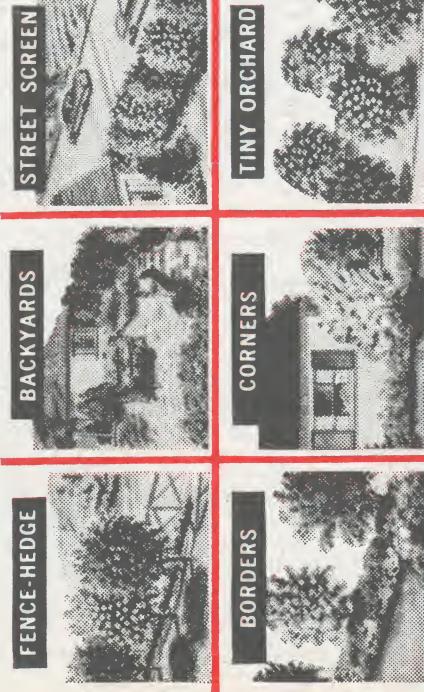
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Keep orange tree moist at all times. Grow it in a cool humid place with bright light. In early spring, begin to feed it with liquid house plant fertilizer every two weeks and when danger of frost is past set it outside. Spray it with water daily and with insecticide monthly. It should bloom in garden and set fruit for following winter season.

How often should my Australian umbrella plant be watered and how do I care for it? Mrs. D. R., Ut.

I'm guessing you have either an Australian Casuarina tree or a Norfolk Island Pine. Both want average soil, light from a north window, average room conditions, water only when dry and fertilizer every second or third month.

My pineapple plant produced a pineapple and sent out two shoots that are now quite large but not producing. What shall I do? Mrs. F. B., Il.

Pull off those suckers and root them in sand. Pot them up and care for them just as you did plant that bore fruit. It may take two seasons, but they'll make pineapples yet.

My Japanese quince blooms only at bottom, sending up slim shoots each year. Am I doing something wrong? Mrs. T. L. F., Wi.

Probably not. Quince blooms only on old wood, never expect flowers on new shoots. But you can cut them back a little so flowers inside bush show better.

What is the culture of the Astilbe plant? M. L. J., Ca.

This is a perennial for the shady, damp corner of garden. Mulch it with leafmold through winter and feed it with well rotted manure in early spring. Never let the Astilbe bed dry out.

If a cactus can be trimmed back, when and how do you do it? Mrs. D. K., Ga.

Only the jointed sorts can be shortened and that is done by breaking them at a joint. Do it on a hot, dry day so wound will heal over before soft rot bacteria gets in and ruins entire plant.

Can you give me information about Spathiphyllum? Mrs. G. F. V., La.

Spathiphyllums are aroids related to Jack-In-The-Pulpit and Calla. They are tropical, demanding hot, steamy conditions. They want a mixture of equal parts of peat moss, sand and soil, with frequent feeding. They can stand no chilling but do fairly well in the average home.

I brought my large English holly plant indoors last fall and sticky liquid came out on leaves. What caused it? Mrs. V. N., Wi.

Scale insects cause this as they thrive indoors and exude honeydew. They will kill your holly eventually if you don't get them off with malathion or something similar.

The color of my croton plant is fading and the leaves are changing shape, too. How do I care for it? Mrs. S., Pa.

Overwinter it indoors in pot of rich soil, keeping it barely moist, cool and in a sunny window. In spring, set it in garden in heavily manured soil, cut it back, give it full sun and plenty of water. It will recover its tropical glamor shortly.

My Coffea plant has stopped growing and the leaves are dying. What can I do? A. R., N. Y.

If a Coffea plant becomes potbound toss it out and start a new one, moving it frequently into a slightly larger pot each time. Use rich soil, high in humus and keep it damp.

I received a small rosary plant and would like to know its proper care and how to start new plants. Mrs. E. A. S., Ill.

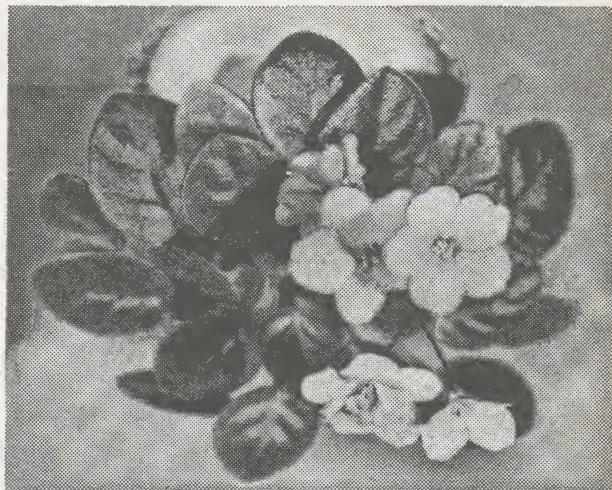
Average garden soil, liquid house plant fertilizer monthly, a bright sunny window and very little water will keep your vine growing. Soon it will make little potatoes along the string and you can cut off the vine just below a potato, plant that end of the cutting and Presto! A new rosary vine.

Garden questions are answered each month by DR. JOHN P. BAUMGARDT.

Miniature African Violets

Growing African violets is like eating peanuts, after the first sample we want more and more, and since most find growing space limited I would like to offer a solution. Instead of trying to limit yourself to only a few specimens—"have your cake and eat it too" by growing miniature varieties. You can actually grow four or five of these little gems in space required by one large show plant.

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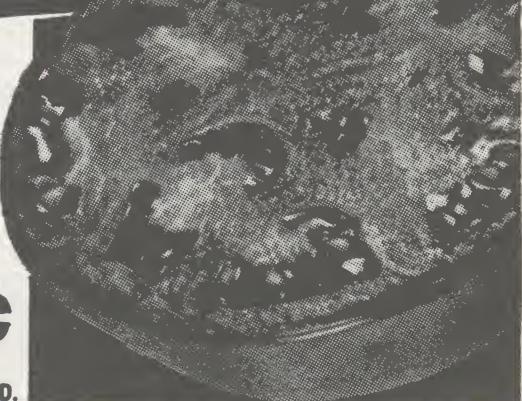

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Miniature African Violets

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Outfitting an old candy counter with two fluorescent fixtures provided me with the perfect showcase for my choice miniatures. The tubes installed in fixture emit a pale blue-red light which emphasizes color of both foliage and lovely blooms. In fact, pink and red shades truly "come alive" in their glow.

Culture is similar to that given any African violet. Direct sun is not desirable, especially in summer, but they do require about 12 hours of light daily to bloom profusely. This can be natural or artificial light or a combination of both. While they do exceptionally well under average home conditions I like to mist them occasionally. Plants growing on sills or window shelves near radiators appreciate

being misted once or twice a day. (A window cleaner bottle with spray attachment is perfect. Wash thoroughly and fill with warm water).

Potting soil prepared for African violets is available in handy plastic bags at local garden or variety shops. Fertilizer suitable for these gesneriads is also available at same sources. Be certain to follow instructions—do not over fertilize.

Since I grow so many plants I prefer to prepare my own potting medium, actually a soilless mixture. This consists of one part milled peat moss, one part perlite, one part vermiculite with a bit of lime added. Another medium I have used with great success is unmilled sphagnum moss. With either of these it is recommended that plants be fed with every watering since mediums

themselves provide no nourishment. A diluted solution of African violet plant food is used, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon per gallon of warm water. Apply whenever watering is needed; no other feeding is used at any time. For convenience wash and scald a plastic bleach jug, prepare and store diluted fertilizer solution in this handy container.

A starter collection of miniature

African violets might include varieties such as Wee Willie Winkie—only 3 inches in diameter, abloom with double white flowers lightly edged in lavender, or Little Joy with royal purple star blossoms. Tiny Rose is a charmer with double blooms of rosy pink. A favorite every time is Waterlily, a pale pink double with tiny "lily pad" leaves of green, cream and pink.

Cereus Peruvianus Monstrous

Gladys Reed Robinson

What is that huge gray-green, spiny, angular-shaped plant about ready to break through the roof of the greenhouse? This is the question I am often asked, for in another year my Cereus peruvianus, commonly called Peruvian apple, will be so tall that the next growth section

will kiss the glass.

Cereus peruvianus, a cacti, is a native of Peru and may be grown and brought into bloom in either house or greenhouse. It may take a few years, maybe four or five, before plant begins to blossom, but

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the thrill of enjoying a bit of the plant's "night life" is well worth waiting on.

A coarse, porous soil is best for this plant, say equal parts of loam, leaf mold, sand and cow manure, plus a generous sprinkling of charcoal and bone meal. Frequent repotting is not necessary except when plant becomes top heavy. This is bound to occur as plant grows.

In frost-free countries it may be grown out-of-doors the year around. In the states the minimum indoor night temperature should be 50° and winter indoor temperature between 60°-65°. In summer it may be placed on a porch getting filtered sunlight or even sunk, pot and all, in ground in a shady spot in yard if you are willing to risk damage



Cereus peruvianus is a house plant that even amateurs will enjoy growing.

from wind, rain, insects and prying animals.

Its rest period is late fall and winter and it should be kept on the dry side. Only enough water given

to prevent shriveling. In spring and summer water is applied freely. The plant may be sprayed from time to time with tepid water to keep it fresh and clean.

Propagation is most successful from seeds, although grafting is an interesting but "ticklish" method.

It grows section fashion but only during summer months. My plant was six years old before it began to blossom. It now measures approximately four feet two inches; is composed of seven sections, each measuring a bit over seven inches which tells us that it is now seven years old. It has been necessary for me to repot it once or twice, anchoring generous root system well.

It is a great delight to watch buds come into bloom. Being a one night, and one night only blooming blossom, it bears careful watching when

buds have reached blooming stage. They will form on ridges of plant in late spring or early summer and develop very rapidly. By midsummer, weather conditions permitting, blossoms will have arrived. Right after sundown the buds on plant showed signs of opening and by midnight they were wide open. The flowers measured between six and seven inches long and about five inches in diameter. They were pure white and waxy textured. At 2:30 A.M. flowers were still fresh and beautiful in spite of all the heat thrown upon them by the photographic lights. However, at 7 A.M. the beautiful specimens were completely closed and very limp.

It was not until my plant had blossomed and was making its yearly section of growth that I dis-

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covered I had a monstrosity. This is a freakish growth without any pattern at all. It may be referred to as abnormal, a malformation or deformity. It is not a killing disease, neither is it a cancerous condition. Monstrose forms occur in a few of the columnar cacti (Cereus peruvianus particularly) and are highly prized by collectors. This condition may be caused by a disturbed metabolism giving off excessive nutrients which, when utilized, go into abnormal plant tissue production.

Very often when watering my greenhouse plants with a liquid fertilizer, without thinking, I would give Cereus peruvianus a sip or two. As a result of these few sips I am now enjoying this huge Cereus peruvianus monstrous.

This plant may be well managed by the amateur and will be found very entertaining and interesting in the eyes of the small fry. The one "must" is adequate space.

How I Grow, Harvest and Use Herbs

Jewell Casey

Generally speaking, herbs are sun-loving, and seeds should not be planted until all chill is out of the ground. After soil is prepared, I sow seeds in shallow drills. The size of the seeds determines the depth of planting, and instructions are usually on seed envelopes. However, I cover the fine seeds from two to four times their own depth, using well screened soil for this purpose. Larger seeds should be covered lightly, but firmly with soil from the sides of the drill.

A special favorite herb of mine is dill, and since it runs to seed so



Dill is probably one of the easiest of popular herbs to grow. But if you've been using it for flavoring pickles only, by all means try it other ways.

quickly I make successive plantings through spring and summer in order to have fresh leaves for seasoning, garnishes and pickles. Instead of rows, I plant my dill in clumps. While the uses of dill are many, I especially like the fresh leaves in vegetable salads.

Although parsley is a biennial, I treat it as an annual. Since parsley seeds are exceedingly slow to germinate, I soak them overnight in warm water and sow rather thick, and always use fresh seeds.

Although a little more trouble to grow than some herbs, parsley is worth the extra work. As a garnish it is unsurpassed. It imparts flavor to many dishes, including stews, and boiled potatoes, and is delicious in mixed salads. My favorite way of using it, however, is in soup. I also use parsley in all of my herb mixtures.

Sweet basil is easy to grow and does its best in full sun and with

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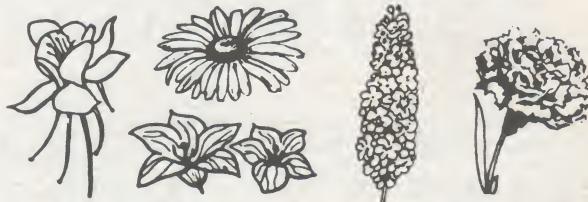
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plenty of water. Unlike some of the other herbs, it thrives in rich soil. Only a few plants will provide sufficient fresh sprigs to use all season and also enough for drying.

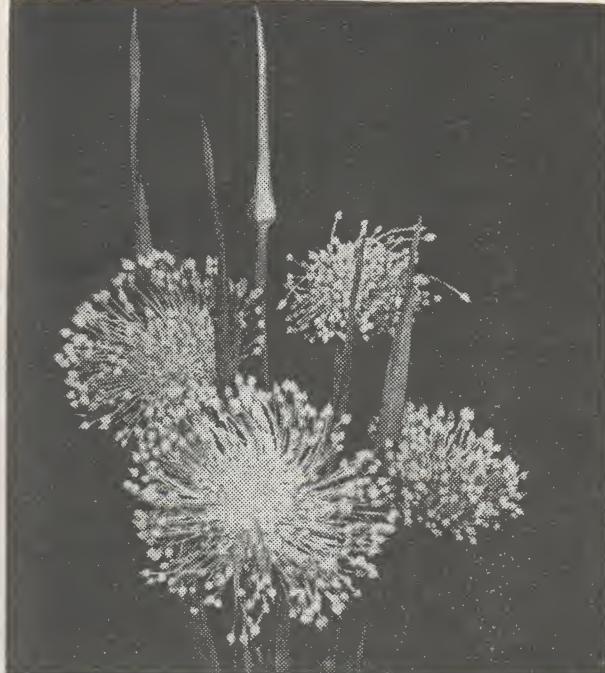
Well chopped tender sprigs of sweet basil give zest to vegetable soups and stews, and impart a flavor to tomatoes that is especially palatable. Added to scrambled eggs or omelet it changes these commonplace dishes into exotic ones. Personally, I like the flavor it gives to fish, cheese and salads. Sweet basil is another that blends perfectly in herb mixtures.

Sage, a popular old timer, will stand lots of abuse. After it flowers, I trim my sage rather severely to keep plants from becoming woody. Sage has always been a favorite in my family and is used in dressing for meats, in meat loaf, and of course in sausage.

Rosemary, thyme, lavender and sweet marjoram are slow to germinate, but with careful attention I have grown a few fine plants of each. As an ornamental, thyme is prized, as well as for its aromatic leaves. I use it fresh or dried in stuffed tomatoes, onions and peppers, also in meat loaf.

Two or three stately spires of garlic add charm to the garden and furnish sufficient cloves to supply the entire neighborhood. A small portion of fresh garlic gives just the right flavor to creamed cabbage. I also use it freely in tomato sauces, chowchow and other relishes.

Mint, grown in almost every garden, multiplies rapidly and has to be kept under control. Fresh mint sprigs are delicious in iced drinks including tea, grape juice and fruit punch. The flavor is equally pleas-



Garlic blossoms might be mistaken for some exotic lily and after all it is a member of the lily family. A little bit of this potent plant goes a long way, but garlic flavor does give added zest to many meat dishes.

ing in jellies.

Candied mint leaves are used on special occasions in hot tea and fruit salad. Many people declare that dried mint leaves yield a good and invigorating drink, either combined with tea or alone.



Pokeberry furnishes many meals to winter birds, and if for no other reason, make room for one or more plants in your herb plot. Also many people regard poke greens as delicious.

My favorite "pot herb" is poke, which may be started either by seeds or by portions of the large

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Herbs

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root. Once established, it will live indefinitely. In early spring when the young sprouts and leaves appear, I gather them, making sure no portion of the root is obtained. After parboiling in soda water and rinsing well, I season the "greens" with salt bacon or meat drippings and cook until done. I have canned poke greens, and also frozen them; either way they are delicious.

It is as much fun harvesting herbs as it is to grow them. I once read that herbs should be gathered before the sun is high, on a dry day, never soon after a rain, and that it is best to gather leaves prior to the opening of the flowers because at this stage the oil content is at its peak. I have followed these instructions with wonderfully good results.

The easiest way to cure the leafy herbs properly is to hang them up in bunches in a dry, shady place. After they are well cured, strip the leaves from the stems and screen out the dust and dirt. However, I prefer to strip the leaves off while fresh and spread them out on old screens in a light, well-ventilated room, but out of direct sunlight. I keep each kind separated, as I have learned it is not always easy to distinguish between dried leaves.

Due to climatic conditions it is impossible to say exactly how long it will take herbs to dry properly. However, under good conditions and when turned once or twice daily, leaves generally dry in four or five days. Mint and parsley can be processed in this way: strip off leaves and place them in salted, boiling water for half of a minute. Drain and dry on a fine screen in a medium-hot oven for a little while, but not long enough for the heat to drive all the flavor out of the leaves.

Bonsai

Dorothy Schroeder

A bonsai, or a tree that has been induced to stay small, is often called an heirloom tree because it can live with very little care for nearly a hundred years, and be passed down from parent to child.



The best way to start one is to find a tree in woods or fields that is already dwarfed (roots wedged by a rock, or otherwise hampered in its development). You may, if you look, find a tiny large-trunked tree. Dig it up carefully, taking with it all soil possible. Plant in pot with drainage that will accommodate its roots.

After it has recovered from being transplanted, fit into shallow dish or bowl that Japanese use for tiny trees. If trunk of tree is not already doubled over in a windblown shape, wire it so that it gradually bends. Remember, old wood is brittle and

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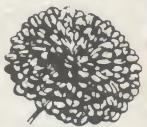
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Bonsai

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must be coaxed gently into that shape. It is best to start wiring in spring when trunk is most pliable.

If you are unable to find a naturally dwarfed tree, you have the choice of buying a little tree for training from a nursery, finding a seedling in back yard or planting a seed. I like to start seedlings growing in a metal or plastic berry box. The roots grow out through holes in box and can be nipped off as they appear. When you shorten roots, shorten tree same amount. It takes about ten years to get an interesting dwarf from a tree grown from seed, seven or eight from a potted tree.

A very rewarding bonus of your work with these tiny trees is that you'll become aware of interesting facets of nature you've never seen before. I had never noticed these tiny trees when I was rambling about, although they are to be found all the time. Study their forms and train yours to imitate them.

Repot bonsai only when it shows signs of ailing. Using a blunt wooden stick, work roots carefully out of container, applying just enough pressure to dislodge them. Trim roots so that they just barely fit into their new pot.

For soil I like best a mixture, one-third each, of garden soil, peat moss and sand. Never fertilize a bonsai. The idea is to keep it healthy with a minimum of growth. Water sparingly when soil is dry. Sour soil wouldn't be good for roots.

One thing that you must accept in your work with these, they are not fragile hot-house plants needing protection and pampering, but tough old warrior-trees holding onto life and making the best of adverse circumstances. Don't weaken by keeping them in the house. Let them battle it out with the elements and remain strong. Bring in occasionally to grace a party, if you like, but don't put them where it is hot and dark. Unless weather is really bad, never leave them indoors overnight.

Which trees are best for dwarfing? My favorites are the fruit trees. Tiny and gnarled, they nevertheless are covered with blooms in spring, and bear fruit. Next I like other deciduous trees. Actually, however, the most effective ones are pines. They can be trained into real beauties. Apples, apricots, bald cypress, elms, flowering quince, maples, pines, spruce; all of these have makings of beautiful bonsai.

Try bonsai, you'll love them.

Achimenes

Charlotte R. Ferguson

Achimenes are a delight to the eye. Perfect subjects for hanging baskets these little gesneriads from the tropics are available in rich, vibrant colors—red, blue, yellow and orange as well as more delicate shades of pink and blue.

Foliage varies a bit but the most familiar varieties have small-

toothed velvety leaves. Blossoms of single varieties are funnel-shaped, five-lobed but newer double varieties give effect of having one blossom slipped in center of other.

Achimenes may be grown from seed or from tiny rhizomes which resemble miniature pine cones. To start seed, scatter tiny seeds over

surface of damp, milled sphagnum moss, cover lightly with a dusting of moss. Slip a plastic bag over container and place in a warm spot, not in direct sun. When seedlings are about 2 inches high, transplant using 5 or 6 in each pot. A good humusy soil or African violet potting soil is recommended. Place in partial sun, keep evenly moist. Pinch out tips once or twice to promote branching.



Achimenes are perfect for hanging baskets.

Start rhizomes in moist vermiculite covering to a depth of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Keep warm and moist. Place in partial sun. When 2 inches high, transplant as described.

In fall set pots aside and allow to become dry. Carefully lift rhizomes and store in plastic bags of dry vermiculite in a cool, dark place. Be sure to save all rhizomes, even broken pieces, as all will generally grow following year.

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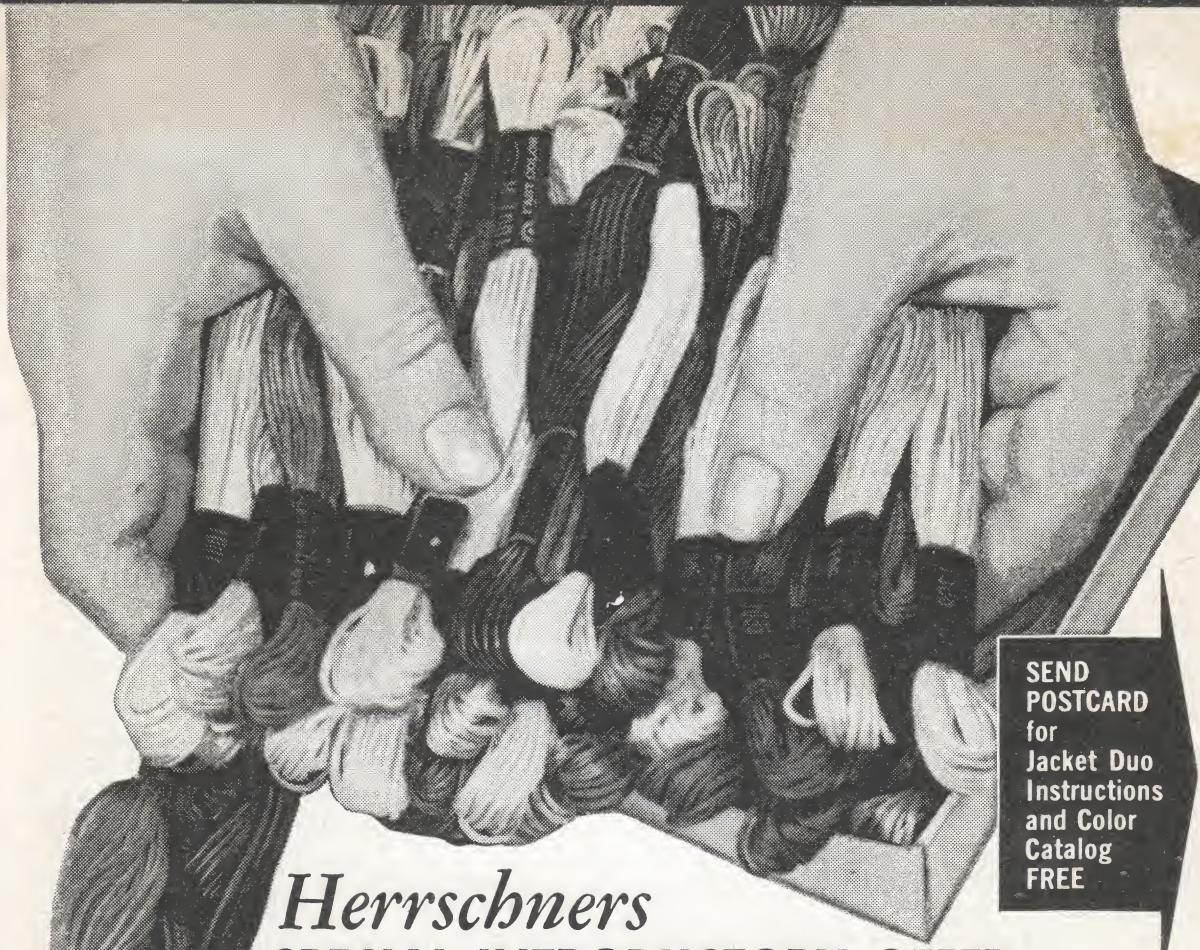
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Abbreviations:

ch (chain)	sk (skip)
st (stitch)	inc (increase)
dc (double crochet)	dec (decrease)
sc (single crochet)	rnd (round)
sl st (slip stitch)	

Gauge: 4 sts equal 1 inch
2 rows equal 1 inch

Change color after every 6th row starting with A, then B, then C and repeat A again.

Back: With color A, ch 70.

Row 1: Dc in third st from hook, dc in each of next 3 ch sts, * ch 1, sk 1, dc in next ch, ch 1, sk 1, dc in each of next 5 sts, repeat from *, ending row with ch 1, sk 1, dc in each of last 4 ch sts, ch 3, turn.

Row 2: Dc in second st, ch 1, sk 1, dc in each of next 5 sts, * ch 1, sk 1, dc in next st, ch 1, sk 1, dc in each of next 5 sts, repeat from *, ending with ch 1, sk 1, dc in each of last 2 sts.

Row 3: Repeat row 2.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 twice each time for pattern.

Change color every 6th row.

Work straight in this pattern changing colors after every 6th row. When 14 rows are completed inc 1 st at beginning and end of row every 4th row 3 times. Now work straight

until 27 rows are completed. Fasten off yarn.

To Shape Armholes: On next row start in 7th st and work to 7th st from end, turn, dec 1 st at beginning and end of each row 3 times. Work even until 42 rows are completed. Fasten off yarn.

Shoulder: With same color work over 18 sts, turn and work over 9 sts. Work second shoulder to correspond.

Front: Work as for back but work only 39 rows. Then work shoulders same as for back except work 2 rows over 18 sts and 2 rows over 9 sts. Fasten off yarn.

Sleeves: With color A, ch 43. Work in pattern for 9 rows, inc 1 st at beginning and end of row every second row 4 times. Fasten off yarn.

Next Row: Start in 7th st from beginning and work up to 7th st from end. Then dec 1 st at beginning and end of each row until 20 rows are completed. Work second sleeve to correspond.

To Finish: Sew all seams together. Sew sleeves.

Now using darkest color pull a double strand of yarn through pattern as illustrated in photograph.

Collar: Starting at shoulder seam work 1 row sc around neckline. Work a second row of sc around neckline, inc 3 sts evenly in rnd. Work a third row sc around neckline, inc 3 sts again in rnd.

Rnd 4: (Scallops)—* Sl st, sc, hdc, 3 dc in next st, hdc, sc, repeat from * around.

Work same border around sleeve but no inc on first 3 rnds.

Work same border around bottom, no inc on 3 sc rnds.

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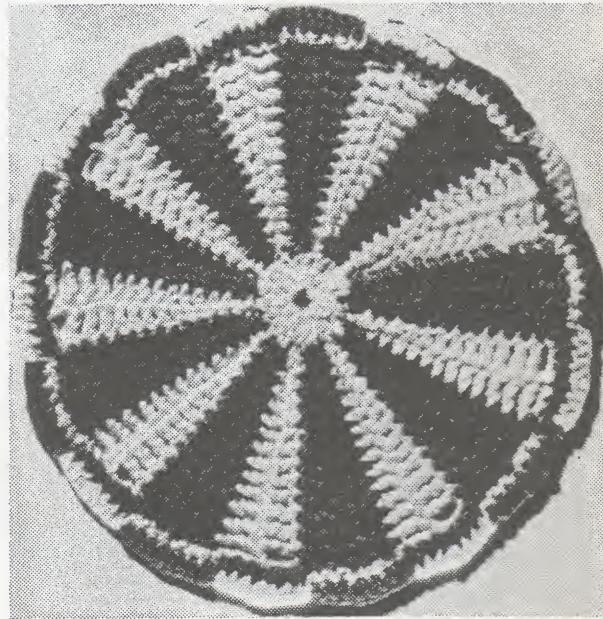
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ch (chain)	dc (double crochet)
st (stitch)	tr (treble)
sl st (slip stitch)	lp (loop)
sc (single crochet)	sk (skip)
hdc (half double crochet)	

With white, ch 15. * Sl st in 15th and 14th sts, sc in 13th and 12th sts, hdc in 11th, 10th and 9th sts, dc in 8th, 7th, 6th and 5th sts, tr in each of last 4 sts, turn, ch 4, tr in each tr, dc in each dc, hdc in each hdc, sc in each sc, sl st in last 2 sts.

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Center: With white, pull lp through end st of a gore, sc in end st of each gore, ending with sl st in beginning sc. Ch 1, sc in same st, (sk 1 st, sc in next st) around, sl st in beginning sc. Fasten off, pull end through and knot securely on back.

Edge: Join red in first st of any white gore. 7 sc across white gore, ch 1, drop lp off hook to back of

work. Join white in first st of 7 red sts just made, sc in each of 3 sc, 2 sc in 4th st, sc in last 3 sc, ch 1, work 7 sc across next red gore, drop from hook, go back and pick up red and make 1 sc in each of first

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Abbreviations:

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p (picot)	sk (skip)

Row 1: Join ball and shuttle threads in edge of handkerchief, * ch 4 ds, p, 4 ds, leave $\frac{1}{4}$ inch sp, join in edge, ch 4 ds, 3 p sep by 3 ds, 4 ds, leave $\frac{1}{3}$ inch sp, join in edge. Repeat from * around handkerchief, join last ch at base of first ch. Tie and cut threads.



Row 2: Join ball and shuttle threads in first p of first 3 p ch, * ch 5 ds, p, 5 ds, sk 1 p of same ch, join in next p, ch 5 ds, 3 p sep by 3 ds, 5 ds, sk next p (single p ch), join in first p of next ch. Repeat from * around, join last ch at base of first ch. Tie and cut threads.

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Row 4: Repeat row 2.

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Abbreviations:

k (knit)	dec (decrease)
p (purl)	O (yarn over)
st (stitch)	tog (together)

Gauge: 11 sts equal 2 inches on number 5 needles.

Pattern St—Row 1 (Right Side): K each st.

Row 2: * K 1, p 1, repeat from * across.

These 2 rows form pattern.

Back: With number 3 needles, cast



on 56 sts.

Work in ribbing of k 1, p 1 for 9 rows.

Change to number 5 needles and work pattern until entire piece measures 6 inches.

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Cardigan

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Armhole Shaping: At beginning of next 2 rows bind off 2 sts. Dec 1 st each end of needle on next row. Work even in established pattern until armhole measures $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Shape Shoulders: At beginning of next 2 rows bind off 8 sts. At beginning of next 2 rows bind off 7 sts. Place remaining sts on holder for neck.

Right Front: With number 3 needles, cast on 33 sts. Work ribbing same as back.

Change to number 5 needles. With right side facing, work 5 sts in ribbing for front border, k across row. Work row 2 of pattern to within 5 sts from end, work these sts in rib-

bing. Work in pattern, keeping 5 sts in ribbing for border until piece measures same as back to armhole.

Shape Armhole: At armhole edge bind off 2 sts. Work 1 row even. Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next row. Work even until armhole measures $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Shape Neck: At front edge, work 11 sts and slip onto holder, work across row. Work 1 row even, dec 1 st at neck edge every other row 4 times. When armhole measures same as back, bind off 8 sts at armhole edge. Work 1 row even. At armhole edge bind off 7 sts.

Left Front: Work to correspond to right front, reversing border sts and all shapings and work 5 buttonholes evenly spaced on front border beginning $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from lower edge. To make buttonhole: Work 2 sts, O, k 2 tog. On next row work O as a st.

Sleeve: Sew shoulder seams. With right side facing, using number 5 needles, pick up and k 40 sts along armhole edge. Work pattern (begin with row 2 of pattern), dec 1 st each end of needle every 2 inches until sleeve measures 6 inches. On last row dec, evenly spaced, 7 sts (27 sts on needle).

Change to number 3 needles and work in ribbing of k 1, p 1 for 8 rows. Bind off all sts in ribbing.

Neckband: Using number 3 needles, beginning at front edge (right side), work sts from holder in ribbing, pick up and work 4 sts along side in ribbing, work back neck sts from holder in ribbing, pick up and work 4 sts along side, work sts from other holder (50 sts on needle). Work in ribbing for 4 rows. Bind off loosely.

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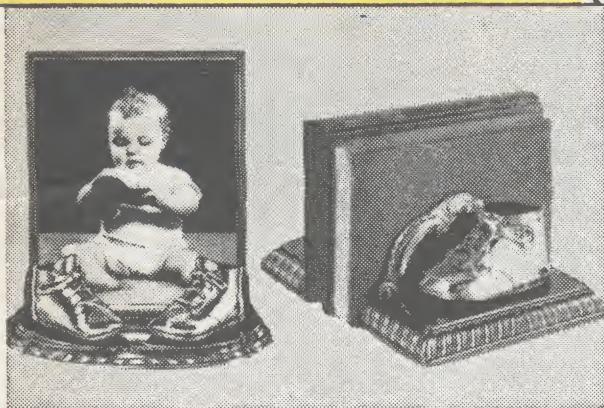
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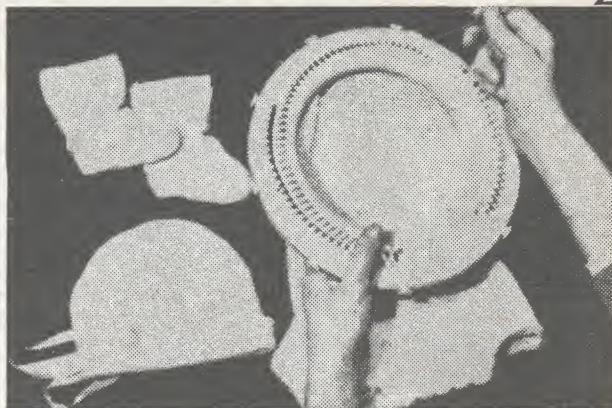
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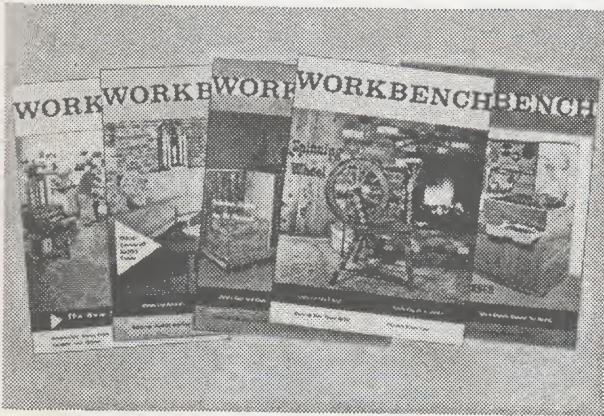
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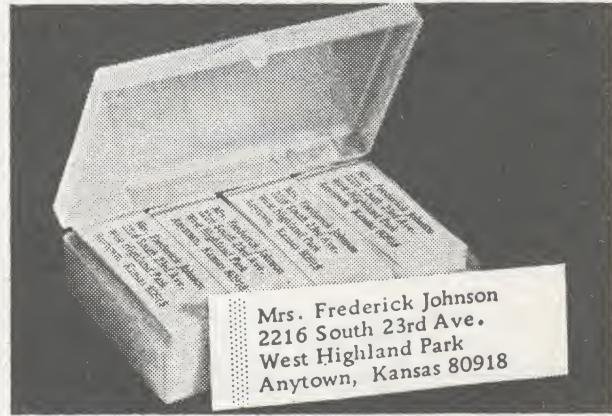
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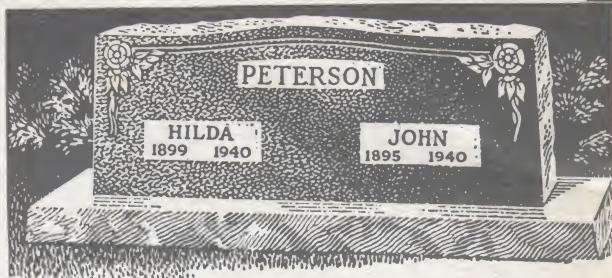
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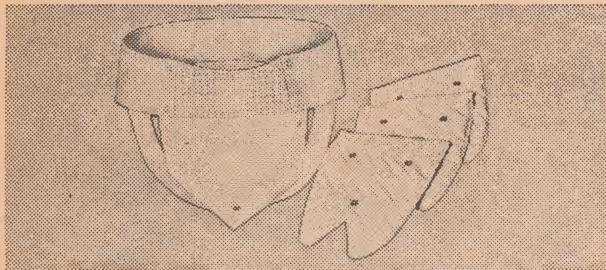


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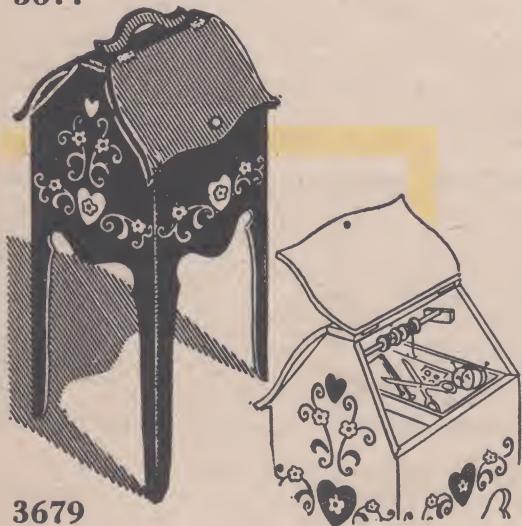
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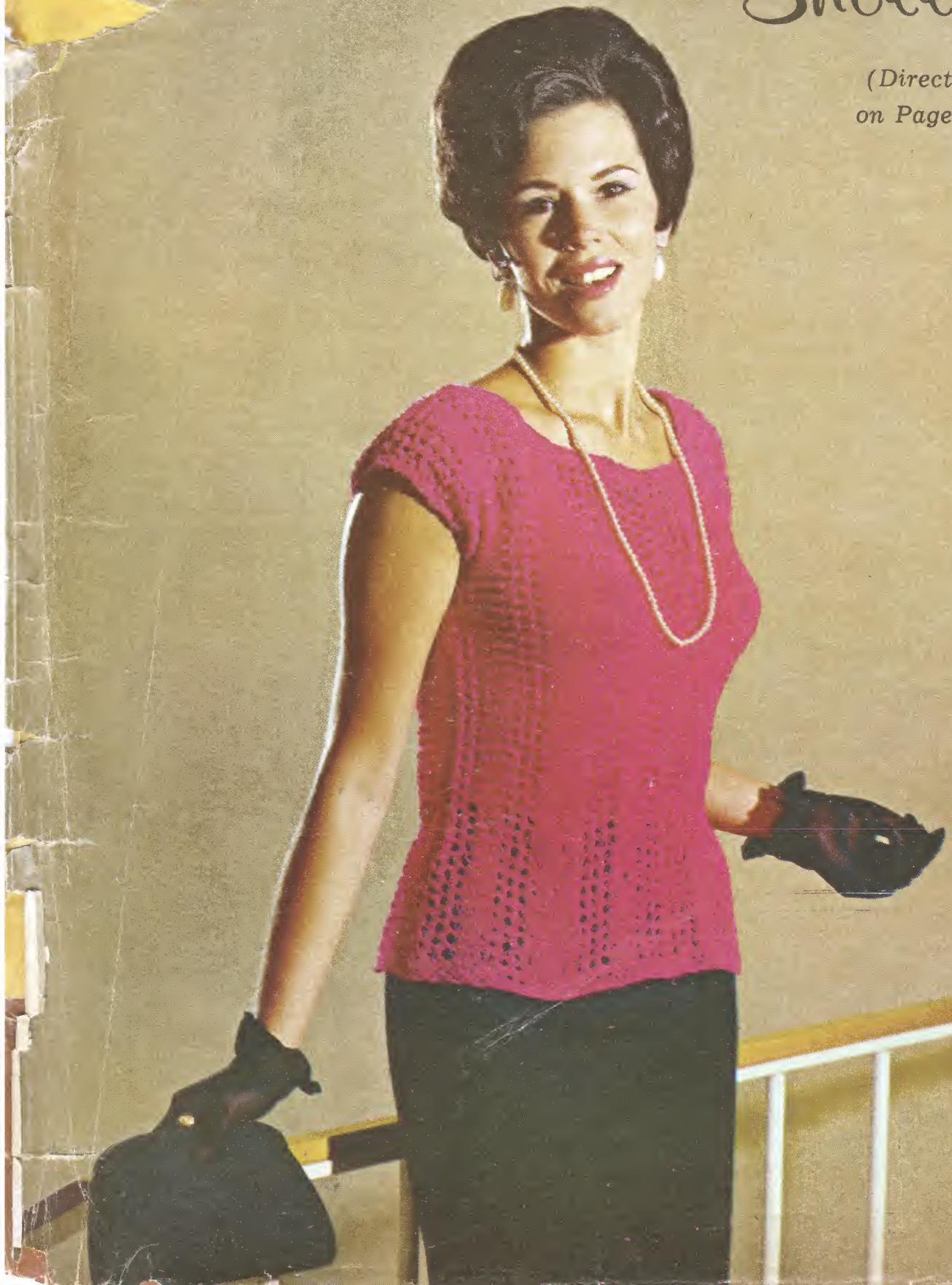
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